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1. (C) SUMMARY: OFFICIAL JORDANIAN REACTION TO THE ISRAELI RAID ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY DEVELOPED SLOWLY. IN A SPEECH TO THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL, PRIME MINISTER BADRAN CLAIMED ISRAEL AND IRAN ARE IN COLLUSION. KING HUSSEIN -- IN A DIG AT
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SYRIA, LIBYA, AND POSSIBLY THE PLO -- DECLARED THAT ANY STATE NOT SUPPORTING IRAQ IN ITS FIGHT WITH IRAN IS AIDING ISRAEL.

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END SUMMARY.

2. (C) THE GOJ DID NOT REACT IMMEDIATELY TO THE ISRAELI RAID ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY. THE

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FIRST OFFICIAL ALLUSION TO THIS INCIDENT CAME IN A SPEECH DELIVERED BY PRIME MINISTER BADRAN TO THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (NCC) IN THE LATE MORNING OF JUNE 8. BADRAN DIGRESSED FROM A REPORT ON THE KING'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW (REF A) TO TELL THE NCC THAT ISRAEL AND IRAN ARE COLLUDING AGAINST IRAQ AND THAT "ISRAEL HAS SENT ITS PLANES SEVERAL TIMES TO PARTICIPATE IN BOMBING VITAL TARGETS IN FRATERNAL IRAQ." BADRAN CALLED ON IRAN TO END THE WAR WITH IRAQ SO THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM THAT SITUATION. HE ENDED HIS REMARKS ON THE SUBJECT BY NOTING THAT IF IT "HAD NOT BEEN FOR U.S. LONG-RANGE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO TRAGEDIES BEFALLING THE ARAB NATION BY THE HAND OF THE ZIONIST ENEMY." IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED JUNE 8 BY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE JORDAN TIMES, KING HUSSEIN CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI ATTACK AND REPEATED BADRAN'S CHARGE THAT ISRAEL IS IN COLLUSION WITH IRAN. THE

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KING WENT BEYOND BADRAN TO TAKE A SHOT AT THE SYRIANS, LIBYANS, AND PERHAPS THE PLO, SAYING THAT "ANYONE NOT SUPPORTING IRAQ IS SIDING WITH ISRAEL, AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT IRAN IN WORD OR DEED ARE PRACTICALLY SUPPORTING THE ZIONIST ENEMY."

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